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In re the Application

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For: BARRIER ELEMENT

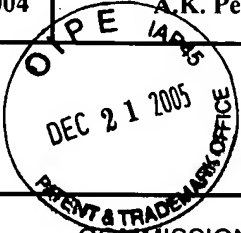

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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| AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)   |                                     |                             |   |                        | Docket No.               |  |
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| Applicant(s): Joseph Peter Hubert Maria MERTENS   |                                     |                             |   |                        | APV31827                 |  |
| Application No.<br>10/511,339   | Filing Date<br>October 15, 2004     | Examiner<br>A.K. Pechhold   | Customer No.<br>24257   | Group Art Unit<br>3671 | Confirmation No.<br>2176 |  |
| Invention: BARRIER ELEMENT  |                                     |                             |   |                        |                          |  |
| <br><b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>   |                                     |                             |   |                        |                          |  |
| Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.<br>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.   |                                     |                             |   |                        |                          |  |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>  |                                     |                             |   |                        |                          |  |
|   | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT  | RATE                   | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE        |  |
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 10 -                                | 20 =                        | 0   | x \$50.00              | \$0.00                   |  |
| INDEP. CLAIMS   | 2 -                                 | 3 =                         | 0   | x \$200.00             | \$0.00                   |  |
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